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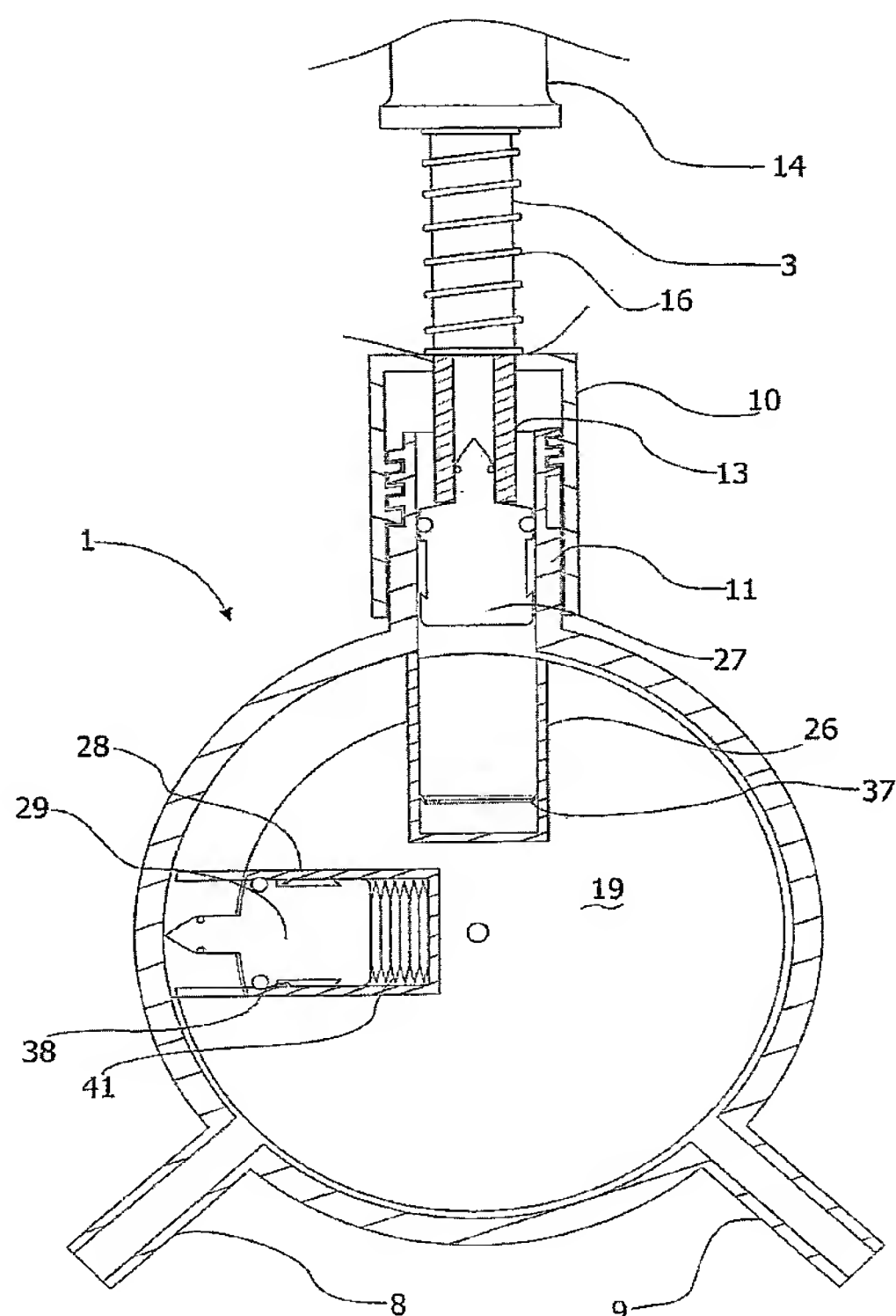
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(57) Abstract: A device is described for fitting and removing a closing means (27, 29) on an end portion (13) of a tubular element (3), comprising: a container (1) defining an internal chamber (18); a rotating platform (19) inside said chamber at the bottom (16) thereof; a receiving housing (26) that is able to receive and hold a first closing means (27) from said end portion of tubular element; and a releasing housing (28) that is able to contain and release a second closing means (29), in said end portion of tubular element; said receiving and releasing housings provided with an opening for passage of the closing means, being fixed on said rotating platform with said opening turned towards said perimeter walls (17) of the container. The device can be used as a connector for peritoneal dialysis and minimizes or eliminates the risks of contamination, also of pathogens, and the risks of peritonitis.

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